

# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. JULIO and SARA MEDRANO**

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that Julio Medrano, age 44, a former manager at Verizon, and his wife, Sara Medrano, age 43, a property manager, were sentenced to identical 12 month terms of imprisonment by the Honorable William M. Skretny, U.S. District Court Judge for the Western District of New York. The sentences followed the couples' guilty pleas entered earlier this year to conspiring to distribute controlled substances to persons under 21 years of age. In pleading guilty, the couple admitted that since about October of 2000, until their arrests on July 17, 2005, the two would host parties at their Niagara Street residence with females. During those parties, the Medranos would often make quantities of controlled substances available for their guests. Among the controlled substances the Medranos offered to their guests were quantities of ecstasy, cocaine, and marijuana. Several females under the age of twenty-one (21) would attend these parties and, while there, ingest the drugs. During these parties, both Medranos would sometimes have sex with the females and would, on occasion, take photographs and/or make films of the females having sex with

each other as well as with one or both of the Medranos.

In addition, Assistant U.S. Attorney J.P. Kennedy, who handled the case, noted that on July 17, 2005, as part of the investigation, agents of United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), along with law enforcement officials employed by the Postal Inspection Service, and New York State Police, executed a federal search warrant at the premises located at 2403 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York. During the course of the execution of that warrant, agents seized small quantities of cocaine, ecstasy, ketamine, and marijuana. In addition, numerous homemade or self-produced photographs depicting sexually explicit materials were also seized.

In addition, the Medranos were each sentenced to serve six (6) year terms of supervised release, following their release from incarceration. The plea deal also required the Medranos to sell their Niagara Street residence where the illicit parties occurred and to forfeit \$20,000 to the United States government.

The convictions and sentencings were the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Peter J. Smith, Special Agent in Charge; the New York State Police, under the direction of Major Michael Manning; and the

United States Postal Service, under the direction of Ronald C.  
Walker, Inspector In Charge, New York Division.